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**RESPONSE TO**  
**"NOTICE REQUIRING EXCESS CLAIMS FEES"**

On November 8, 2005, a Notice Requiring Excess Claims Fees (a copy of which is attached) was issued for this application by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (U.S.P.T.O.). In the Notice, it was alleged that the case now included four (4) independent claims, and the fee for the one extra independent claim over three was due for the entry of the Amendment.

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However, the undersigned has reviewed the Amendment that was submitted, and believes that only three independent claims are present in the application if the Amendment is entered. More specifically, claims 1, 6, and new claim 16 are independent claims, claims 2 and 14 have been cancelled, and claims 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 15 are dependent claims that depend from independent

claim 1, and claims 7 and 8 are dependent claims that depend from claim 6.

It is therefore submitted that the three independent claims in the application are covered by the initial filing fee for the patent application, and that no further claims fees are required for the entry of this Amendment.

Therefore, withdrawal of the requirement for payment of excess claims fees set forth in the "Notice Requiring Excess Claims Fees" is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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